

## REMARKS

By this paper, new claims 12-17 have been added, and claims 1-17 are now pending. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments herein prior to examination of the application and favorable consideration of the pending claims.

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediments to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Burns Israelsen".

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